SENATE BILL 89

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 20, Part 4, relative to the governmental tort liability act.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-20-403(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(4) Minimum limits of not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for bodily injury or death of any one (1) person in any one (1) accident, occurrence or act, and not less than two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) for bodily injury or death of all persons in any one (1) accident, occurrence or act, and two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for injury or destruction of property of others in any one (1) accident, occurrence or act. Such amounts shall be increased to reflect the percentage of change in the average consumer price index (all items-city average) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor statistics, annually on January 1 starting in 2008. Any amount adjustment under this section shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of one hundred dollars (\$100). The comptroller of the treasury shall publish the increased amount on the state's web site. The provisions of this subdivision (b)(4) shall apply to any action arising on or after July 1, 2007.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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